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Dear Sir,

I am upset to hear that anything like this is being proposed! MB Docket No. 04-233 is a blatant attack on our crucial rights as Americans protected by the Constitution Of The United States! NPRM's advisory board proposal would violate our freedom of speech, and freedom of religion.

--The FCC must not force any radio station to take advice from any group, including those not sharing their values.

--The FCC must not turn every radio station into a public forum where anyone and everyone has rights to airtime. Religious broadcasters who resist such an advisory board or forum could face harassment, complaints and even losing their broadcasting license.

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--The FCC must not raise broadcasters costs by requiring staff presence whenever a station is on the air or by further restricting main studio location choices. Many broadcasters, including Christian broadcasters operate on tight budgets, and these proposals would force service cutbacks - and curtailed services is contrary to the public interest.

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If the FCC is concerned that certain non-religious and secular voices are not being heard, then the FCC should encourage those individuals to get their own station(s) at their own expense. DO NOT pass new rules, procedures or policies that could potentially allow individuals or groups to force their ideals on other stations, at that other station's expense.

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